

Cross Currents

Lutheran
Church
of the Cross
2023



Happy July to our faithful LCC family!

During this month that we celebrate our nation's freedom, we remember that it is in Christ that we are set free. In Galatians 5:1, Paul reminds the Galatian believers that "it is for freedom that Christ has set us free." Believers' sins are forgiven on the basis of Christ's perfect sacrifice, and we can live in freedom from the power of sin. Believers are free *not* to live for sin and instead, free to live holy, joyous lives in Christ. For *this* freedom Christ has set us free. *When the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. John 8:36*

Thank you MN Teen and Adult Challenge who blessed us with their singing and testimonies on June 18. A big thank you to Stewart Sawdey for giving the sermon. We were inspired by the hope, joy, and freedom these men exude.

Join us July 9 for a special Sunday...

*It will be our first Sharing Market Sunday. Our Creation Care team will be selling baked goods, garden produce, crafts, etc., so come and enjoy the first Sharing Market of the season.

*We will have a Congregational Meeting during the Coffee Hour to address the handicapped accessibility and playground proposals.

*The Summer Pick-Up Choir will be singing. Have you wanted to sing in the choir but couldn't commit to Wednesday practice? Well, the Summer Pick-up Choir is for you. Show up in the choir room at 8:15 am July 9th to practice and run through the piece of music. Everyone is welcome!

Our next outdoor service will be July 16 at 9:00 AM.
Have a safe and fun July 4th. See you in church!

In Christ,
Pastor Michelle





Church Directory

The 2023 church directories are for sale at \$10 each. Pay by cash or check (make out to LCC with *photo directory* written in the memo line.) Available in the church office during business hours. Thanks for all of our members for helping with this project.

Congregational Meeting



Congregational Meeting will be held in the Celebration Center on Sunday, July 9th following the 9:00 am worship service. Items to be discussed are the proposed playground and Handicap accessible doors and ramp to back entrance of church.

Treasurer's Report - Financial Summary 2023 General Fund

			Annual	% YTD of Annual
	<u>May</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Income	\$ 50,056	\$ 302,715	\$ 699,490	43.28%
Expenses	\$ 59,412	\$ 300,873	\$ 699,490	43.1%
Difference	(\$ 9,356)	\$ 1,842	\$ 0	

**In the month of May our expenses were greater than our income by (\$9,356)
Thank you for your continued support.**



BAPTISM

Name: Ender Nels Dahl
Born: October 10, 2019
Baptized: June 18, 2023
Parents: Brian & Tress Dahl
Pastor Drew Bakken, Officiant

FUNERAL

Name: Douglas Miller
Born: April 4, 1955
Died in Christ: March 3, 2023
Funeral: June 12, 2023
Lutheran Church of the Cross
Pastor Michelle Ruen, Officiant

BAPTISM

Name: Everly Ann Dahl
Born: March 29, 2021
Baptized: June 18, 2023
Parents: Brian & Tress Dahl
Pastor Drew Bakken, Officiant

PRIVATE FUNERAL

Name: Myron "Mike" Dunker
Born: February 6, 1949
Died in Christ: June 11, 2023
Funeral: June 16, 2023
Pastor Michelle Ruen, Officiant

FUNERAL

Name: Jeanyne Hess
Born: March 6, 1935
Died in Christ: June 16, 2023
Funeral: June 30, 2023
Lutheran Church of the Cross
Pastor Michelle Ruen, Officiant

**Update
your
Information!**



If you would like to receive weekly eblast notifications, please email the church office at laurie@lccnisswa.org with the email address you wish us to use. Have you changed your phone number, or no longer use your landline, changed your mailing address, etc.? If so, please let us know so we can update our database.



By Kari Erickson

Have you taken the opportunity to welcome and introduce yourselves to our new members? So far this year, we have added 30 family units to our church family. Of those 30 units, 10 of them are families with children that have become a part of our Children, Youth and Family Ministry program. That's 27 new kids this year alone, gratefully added to the growing number of children worshipping with us at LCC. Our rolls now total over 200 children in our

CYFM program. What great news!!

As a congregation, we promise to welcome and nurture these young people as they grow in faith. It's one of the perks of belonging to a church family, and one that we all must take responsibility for. Jesus taught the disciples to let the children come to Him—let them ask questions, hear gospel stories, dance and sing and grow in the knowledge and security that they are loved, cared for, and valued. Jesus loved children and valued spending time with them. He equipped and empowered children to minister to the world. Hmm. Based on our new member groups, children ARE coming to us, and as disciples, we must equip and empower them to minister to the world just as Jesus did.

The question is how do we do this to the best of our ability? Providing programming that meets our families where they are NOW is vital. Let's face it, family life today is much different that it was years ago. Many parents try their best to juggle work and family responsibilities each day. They need our support, too. They value Christian education and choose to raise their children with their church playing a big part. Here at LCC, we have adapted to the needs and wants of our families over the past few years, especially during the trying Pandemic times. Our Wednesday evening worship continues to grow as it offers our busy families that opportunity to worship together with their church family and enjoy a meal together—another thing Jesus encouraged. There is no greater honor than sharing food and the Lord's Supper together.

With Covid adaptations to worship service times, we have modified the way in which we offer Faith Education to our kids. We continue to offer a staffed nursery each Sunday. As a ministry team, we feel that it is important for our younger members to be in church with their families (their own family as well as their church family.) Children must also feel that sense of ownership that comes from being a member of the church. Each Sunday during the sermon, I take our kids out for Cross Kids and we do a special children's Confession and Forgiveness, Creed, children's message/gospel

story, and prayer. Kids return to their families in the sanctuary to join us all at the Lord's Table. They are given a Take Home Faith bag with an activity/devotion for them to work on together as a family at home during the week.

This may not look like the Sunday School model you are used to, but our kids and families are thriving with it. There have been Sundays where I have had up to 30 kids at our Cross Kids Worship. Our kids also feel some ownership of "their church." They can easily help lead the service when there is a substitute, for example. They feel empowered and secure, and just as important, they are hearing and learning the Gospel. We offer additional programming and activities for our families as well, and we are constantly adapting to their needs and wants so that we nurture their spiritual growth whenever and wherever possible.

A couple of months ago, one of our retired members relayed a story to me - she had tears in her eyes as she recalled a conversation she had with one of our children. The child informed this member that if she heard a baby crying, it was likely her little sister (who was baptized that day). She also said something to the effect of, *but that's okay because this is our church family*. The little girl beamed as she shared with this member the joy that she felt. Oh that we all experienced that same security and joy and freely shared it with others! Jesus encourages us to adopt the heart and mindset of a child in our attitude and faith. I know that children and youth are valued at LCC; members of all ages share such sentiments with me weekly, and it is heartwarming and validating to hear such comments.

One of the projects our ministry team has been working on is finding a space for an outdoor play area for our youngest worshippers. Currently, we do not have such space for our children and youth - a space that provides numerous benefits: *it fosters community connections, promotes physical health, engages young members, attracts families, facilitates intergenerational interaction, encourages spiritual growth, promotes inclusivity, strengthens church identity, and provides a safe environment*. When you drive by LCC or come into the parking lot, there is no physical evidence that we are family and child friendly. To address this, we formed a Playground Task Force to explore and study this issue. Congregational member/expert Jon Henke helped guide us. We met and worked for a year to come up with the best plan possible. While we were able to bring a proposal to the Council and they made a motion to bring forward to the congregation, we will be requesting that this project be tabled at this time. New opportunities and information have come to light and deserve further exploration by the Task Force - time for prayerful consideration as we proceed is required at this time. We thank you for your prayers, support, and concerns as we move forward.



RIVER
OF Life



ELCA World Hunger's "River of Life: where the river flows, life abounds."

We journeyed down the river to learn about God's gracious gift of water—from those of baptism to those that sustain farms and gardens. WATER IS LIFE. We visited a different "port" each day to hear Bible stories about water. Along with our mascots, Wizer the Owl, Pippin the Raccoon, Ridge the Bear and Blaise the Deer, we explored how God creates, provides, claims & protects, and loves (so we love.) We enjoyed skits, music and dance, stories, games, snacks, crafts and simulations. We ended our week with a wonderful pizza and taco lunch.



Many thanks to all who made the week possible: Becky Melby, Judy Rickbeil, Carol Tack, Colleen Bakken, Karen Raguse, Sherry Pape, Kristin Neale, Diane Dalzell, Aiden Hernandez, Luke Merseth, Gavin Trosdahl, Isaac Trees, Laurie Hemish, Todd Whipple, Bonnie Stevens, Connie Peterson and Sally Hodgson.



Music Notes

July 2023 Hymn of the Month



This is My Song and Be Still My Soul (FINLANDIA)

Music: Jean Sibelius(1865-1957)

FINLANDIA, OP. 26, composed by Jean Sibelius, is a symphonic poem and is the tune used in our hymn "This Is My Song". The piece was written for the Press Celebrations of 1899, a covert protest against increasing censorship from the Russian Empire, as the last of seven pieces, each piece depicting different episodes of Finnish history. A recurring joke within Finland at this time was the renaming of *Finlandia* at various musical concerts to avoid Russian censorship. Among the many masqueraded titles was *Happy Feelings at the awakening of Finnish Spring*. Sibelius later reworked the *Finlandia Hymn* into a stand-alone piece. This hymn is one of the most important national songs of Finland, and now with different words is also sung as a Christian hymn ("This Is My Song" and "Be Still, My Soul") and "The Land of the Rising Sun", the national anthem of the African state of Biafra.

Jean Sibelius is Finland's most famous composer, composing by the time he was age ten. He studied law at Helsinki University but soon gave it up to study composition at Helsinki Conservatory. He is best known for his symphonic works.

This is My Song

Text: Lloyd Stone(1912-1993) and Georgia Harkness(1891-1974)

1. This is my song, O God of all the nations, A song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is; Here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
But other hearts in other lands are beating With hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
2. My country's skies are bluer than the ocean, And sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine.
But other lands have sunlight too, and clover, And skies are ev'rywhere as blue as mine.
So hear my song, O God of all the nations, A song of peace for their land and for mine.
3. This is my prayer, O God of all earth's kingdoms, Your kingdom come; on earth your will be done.
O God, be lifted up till all shall serve you, And hearts united learn to live as one.
So hear my prayer, O God of all the nations; Myself I give you; let your will be done.

Lloyd Stone wrote the first two stanzas of this hymn between the twentieth century's two world wars. Georgia Harkness wrote the third stanza between 1937 and 1939 for the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Methodist Church at the request of his executive secretary, Marion Norris. Norris said the Wesleyan Service Guild had been singing the first two stanzas, but "wanted something with a more distinctly religious tone". The first two stanzas are certainly "religious" or profoundly Christian in their concern for one's own country and the equally strong concern for the countries in the rest of the world. The third stanza states the underlying petitions "your kingdom come, your will be done" from the Lord's Prayer and naturally applies them to the whole world.

Stone was born in California and studied at the University of Southern California. He wrote ten books of poetry and two books for children.

Harkness was born in Harkness, New York, a town named for her grandfather. She earned degrees from Cornell University and Boston University. She did additional study at Harvard, Yale and Union Theological Seminary in New York. She was ordained a Methodist minister. Her hymns are collected in three books of prayers and poems.

Be Still My Soul

Text: Katharina von Schlegel (1697-1768)

1. Be still, my soul! The Lord is on thy side; Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
Leave to thy God to order and provide; In every change He faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul! Thy best, thy heavenly Friend Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.
2. Be still, my soul! Thy God doth undertake To guide the future as He has the past.
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake; All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul! The waves and winds still know His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.
3. Be still, my soul! The hour is hastening on When we shall be forever with the Lord,
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone, Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul! When change and tears are past, All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

Not much is known about Katarina von Schlegel. She was a German hymn writer best known for "Be Still, My Soul". This hymn especially grew to be loved during WWII, as it comforted many during those difficult years. Virgil J. Bachman of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Port Huron, MI said of this hymn: "The war in Europe was going badly, the news from the front was disheartening. We had suffered reverses. We were edgy, confused, and discouraged. It was at this crucial time that some Chaplain arranged a service in this quaint church somewhere in France. It seemed the roof of that little village church actually opened up as we weary, dirty, GIs blended our voices under the leadership of that Chaplain and the church's old pump organ.....We started singing 'Be still my soul, the Lord is on thy side'. How badly it was needed....As we began the second verse, 'Thy God doth undertake to guide the future as he hath the past' God seemed to whisper, 'Don't give up, I'm still in command, yes, even here. I'll guide the future as I have the past.'"

It is interesting how the text of these two hymns refer to WWII, but how relevant they are even now.

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This is my song and be still, my soul. The Lord is always near.

Cathy Taylor, Director of Music Ministries

Are you interested in ringing bells with the **Bells of Praise**. We need you. Contact Cheryl Karlgaard at 218-839-0542 if you are interested. Practice Wednesday evenings at 5:30pm and play the fourth Sunday of the month.





WOMEN in the WORD Bible Study - July 11,

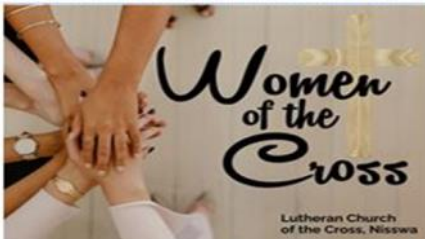
Tuesday, at 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM

The *Women in the Word* with Pastor Michelle is moved to **JULY 11** at 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM, since the first Tuesday of the month is July 4. We are doing a summer series on *How Does God Speak to Us?*. Please join us for tasty summer treats, coffee, and wonderful conversation centered around God's Word. No prior knowledge or homework needed. Just come and be blessed. Bring a friend.

Men's Breakfast

Join the LCC men for coffee, breakfast and good fellowship in the backroom of **SideTrack restaurant** on Hwy 371 **every Thursday** morning at **8:15am**. Pastor Drew will lead a short Bible Study and the remainder of the time is for fellowship and good food!

Camp Yap-A-Lap—Join us on Tuesdays at 9:00 am at the back door of the church. We have a two mile route that you can walk as you can and at your own pace. No sign up needed and bring a walking buddy. A few laughs are guaranteed.



Gather Bible Study—Wednesday, July 26, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. in the Conservatory

We are continuing our three-part summer bible study by Rev. Dr. Anna Madsen entitled, "*Salvation Now.*"

This three-month study will focus on the gospel of John where we will see that the gospel writer was

focused on the here and "now" of Jesus' ministry. Marie Olness will be leading us in *Session Two: Tangible Salvation Now—Christians Bringing Wellness*. Following Jesus means expressing our solidarity with Jesus and his mission, in all we do. Because Jesus is the bringer of salvation, in his name, so, too, are we. Where there are wounds and brokenness, we are called to bring Jesus and the salvation he embodied. Together we'll examine the biblical and theological reasons for not waiting for it to all come out in the wash later, but for us to become faithful ambassadors of Jesus' salvation now. Marie Olness will be providing treats for our Bible Study.

Thursday, July 13th at 12:00 Noon



The July PrimeTimer's Program will be Crow Wing Power, and their public relations manager Char Kinzer. Char will speak on new things in electric power, appliances, and solar power in homes. She will also talk about rebates and answer any questions you may have. Crow Wing Power is generously furnishing box lunches for everyone at NO

CHARGE. Please see Ron Whipple with any questions. **Please call the church office at 218-963-2564 to RSVP by July 6th. See you on Thursday, July 13th at 12:00 Noon for a great program!**

Free Lunch is provided if you RSVP'd by the 6th.



We enjoyed the PrimeTimers program by Jan Kurtz, a former CLC Spanish Teacher, on Thursday, June 8th. Jan Kurtz authored the book, Northern Shores/Southern Borders: Revelations of a Bilingual Life. She talked about her travels, the topic of North/South, Medical Missions, and multicultural opportunities.



ELCA Good Gifts Sunday and Blessing of the Animals

July 16th @ 9:00

Sponsored by Women of the Cross

Join us on Sunday, July 16th at our outdoor service at 9:00 a.m. for our ELCA Good Gifts Sunday and Blessing of the Animals. Bring your beloved pets for a wonderful service centered around God's good gifts to us through creation. Then support ELCA Good Gifts with a donation to help support the ELCA's very important work in this country and around the world. *We will have Good Gifts coloring books, banks, and stickers for kids to enjoy here and take home.*

ELCA Good Gifts

Your gifts to God's Global Barnyard support the sustainable development ministries of ELCA World Hunger, which include training, education, resources (and much more) to help the community care for animals and create new market opportunities like starting a small business selling eggs, meat, or dairy products. Your gifts support this comprehensive approach to animal husbandry.

But it is more than just animals. ELCA Good Gifts funds provide wells, water filtration, irrigation systems, latrines, and gardens for communities. To support women, you can donate to provide a small microloan for a woman's business or send a woman to farmers' field school. You can send a girl to school by buying her a school uniform, buy school supplies for a student or an entire classroom, provide internet connectivity for students, or purchase a computer for a community center. Your donations can be used for health care needs such as vaccinations, stocking a health clinic for a week, hygiene kits, or provide mosquito netting. Here at home, you can stock a backpack with food, support a soup kitchen, provide housing for vulnerable youth, and provide personal and household necessities for disaster survivors. Every project in every community starts with listening. The ELCA believes that our congregations, companion churches and partners know their communities best. That's why they identify the needs and priorities in their communities, as well as the solutions they believe will make the biggest impact.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

A Blessing of Animals witnesses to God's and the Church's love, care, and concern for creation. As we recognize our mutual interdependence with God's creatures, the Church's witness of stewardship of creation is strengthened. Join our Blessing of the Animals service and bring your households' pets. All animals must be on a leash or in a crate/cage for their protection. Bring water dish. If bringing your pet would cause stress to them, causing them to act out, please bring their picture instead. If you have lost a beloved pet, please bring their photos. Should the weather not allow us to be outside, please bring photos—**not your pet**—for the indoor worship.

A Message on our ELCA Global Missionary

Russian Correspondent– Bradn Buerkle

Congregational ministries in a time of crisis

The Lutheran churches in the former Soviet Union are in the unenviable position of facing both acute (the effects of violence and war-time censorship on society, emigration, refugees) and long-term (finances, leadership development) challenges at once. Since the churches' re-establishment took place under the guidance of the German church, (which is structured top-down) these

challenges have hit the central structures particularly hard. In Russia, those projects that were financed, even in part, from abroad have also run into serious difficulties insofar as most banks can no longer transfer funds. At the same time, the Spirit has moved among congregations so that they might find new ways to thrive. In spite of all the obstacles that might hinder them, God has continued to give Christians in the former Soviet Union the strength to carry out diaconal (social service) projects for the homeless, for refugees and for the differently-abled; in many of our congregations, prayer, Bible study groups, and worship have been even more important as people struggle to find meaning in a time of crisis. Accompanying our siblings in Christ at this time might not be easy, but it crucial for maintaining our long-term fellowship.

Yours in Christ,
Bradn

I am an ELCA pastor serving with the Evangelical Lutheran Mission of Lower Saxony (ELM). I spent 20 years of ministry in Russia before leaving there in March of 2022. If you have any questions for me, please feel free to write to me at: bradnbuerkle@gmail.com.



*Ecumenical World Day of Prayer service (theme: Taiwan)
at St. George Lutheran in Samara*

Sharing Bread Soup Kitchen News

If you would like to help at the Sharing Bread Soup Kitchen, the signup calendar is on the bulletin board next to the restrooms.

Any Questions? Call or text me, Ann Bergin, Soup Kitchen Coordinator, at 218-820-5511.



Did you know that more than 4,200 kids in the Brainerd Lakes Area school districts rely on their school's free and reduced-price meal programs for lunch? This means that when summer begins, daily meals go away. OPERATION SANDWICH, which provides much needed meals weekly to families facing food insecurity over the summer, is in high gear at LCC. Numbers served have doubled over last summer – with

over 500 individuals getting food every week at our distribution spots in Nisswa, Pequot Lakes, Jenkins and Pine River.

HOW CAN YOU HELP? (1) Sign up weekly on the Bridges of Hope/Operation Sandwich site <https://www.bridgesofhopemn.org/operation-sandwich> to volunteer to prep, pack and distribute food. (2) Make a donation of peanut butter, jelly (plastic bottles only), individually packaged Goldfish crackers, and granola bars to LCC collection box. (3) Provide a monetary donation to stretch our food dollars. Because of rising food prices, OPERATION SANDWICH is counting on your support to raise "40k To Keep Hunger Away" to meet the growing needs of kids and their families in 2023.

With OPERATION SANDWICH, your gift goes further:

- \$60 – Sponsor one child's lunches for a month
- \$120 – Purchase peanut butter for 4,200 kids' sandwiches for a week
- \$250 – Feeds on child for an entire month
- \$400 – Purchase bread for 4,200 kids' sandwiches for a week
- \$600 – Provides healthy snacks for a week
- \$1,000 – Provides fresh produce needed for all families for an entire month

Please consider making donation, no matter the amount, to ensure all kids have access to the nourishment they need to have a happy and healthy summer!



“We are a serving Congregation.”

Pastor Drew

You have probably heard this said many times. Maybe you are not quite sure what it means. We all have gifts from God that we can use to help our neighbors & communities in a variety of ways. Here at Lutheran Church of the Cross we have a grand history of serving & volunteering in many ways with fantastic participation. Staff & council found great joy in greeting everyone that attended the LCC Volunteer Appreciation on Sunday, June 11th. Our ‘thank you’ on your continuing path of serving, and supporting that journey together.

SERVE



Being God's hands and feet

I will be gone from July 15th to August 20th, and will be scheduling Worship Assistants through the end of August before I leave. Please check out the signup sheets in the Narthex for open serving opportunities, OR I welcome any direct inquiries via call, text, email, or in person!

Todd Whipple
Volunteer Coordinator
Volunteer@lccnisswa.org
612-810-2201

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
facility calendar for:			
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16 8:00 Summer Sunrise Worship 9:00 Outdoor Worship w/ Communion & Blessing of the Animals 10:00 Coffee Fellowship Youth at Luther Crest Bible Camp	17 11:00 Soul Sisters 7:00 People for Racial Justice	18 8:30 Staff Meeting /Prayers 9:00 Computer Lab 9:00 Camp Yap-a-lap 10:00 Coffee Clutch 12:30 PEO Chapter	19 8:30 Text S 9:30 Quilts 4:00 Creati 5:30 Bells
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		<p>Reminder: Before planning any meeting/event/gathering at church, call the church office for availability and scheduling. Thank you.</p>	

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JULY BIRTHDAYS

1. Carol Christofferson, Daniel Gerlich, Nora Gerlich, Terri Langerud
2. Angie Lind, Jane Nemitz, Loretta Norgon, Nancy Schmidt, Kris Smith
3. Bob Olson, Lorraine Warnberg
4. Jesse Lind, Joel Troisdahl
5. Gregg Boche, John Hofmann, Trey Hanowski
6. Jan Geiger, Joey Larson
7. Terry Hansen, Estelle Paulson, CeCe Stark
8. Raelynn Carey, Hogan Dale, Karen Opp, Sara Smith, Sharon Taute
9. Ada Larson, Gabriel Raguse, Joan Steiger
10. Sadie Moore, Robb Reid, Marilyn Robb, Rhoda Trafas
11. Connie Foster, Garrett Wilson
12. Roger Macy
13. Graham Johnson, Sheri McSherry
14. Darin Dirkes, Sandy Loney, Bryan Raguse
15. David Anderholm, Ryan Fogarty, Peter Mann
16. Ashley Hanson, Sandy Knutson
17. Dick Carlson, Sharon Leese, Lyle Maclver, Sharon Leese, Darrell Paske, Steve Quisberg, Angella Roby
18. Dennis Hanson, Jake Merseth, Allen Schmidt, Whitney Ulrich, Lee Wangstad
19. Brian Stubbs
20. Vikki Anderson, Marie Bode, Vonnie Strand
21. Werner Schwab, Vern Westberg, Kathy Zard
22. Emma Moddes, Lillian Nelson, Lynette Nolan
23. Stephen Boulka, Ryan Carey, Jason Evanson, Linda Olson, Kathy Pederson, Scott Timmons
24. Chuck Grillo, Sandy Reuther, Brad Swanson
25. Carolyn Macy, Dean Maier, Rachel Merseth
26. Mary Klang, Bob Peterson
27. Evelyn Paulbeck
28. Kaden Fillbrandt, Erica Henke, Riley Larson
29. Michael Cranny, Erin Herman, Eric Larson, Beau Ubl
30. Jana Lueck, Tony Nelson, Delaine Schmidt
31. Carol Alverson, Julie Domino



ART & FAITH GALLERY

July 16—September 3, 2023

The second exhibit of the summer is

“A Tribute to the Life and Art of Russell Norberg”

Russ Norberg was a well know Minnesota artist whose art found its way across the United States and other countries. He was represented by several of Minnesota’s most noted galleries in addition to regional shows. His paintings are represented in many private collections as well as corporate headquarters across the US.

Russ grew up in Minnesota and showed an early talent for drawing and painting. His formal training included a masters degree in studio art from the University of Minnesota, Duluth, plus additional studies in Louisville, Kentucky. After four years as a commercial artist, he was an art teacher in Staples for 12 years before becoming a fulltime watercolor artist.

The subjects for his paintings came from extensive travels in the US, Canada and Alaska, also Norway and Sweden. But most of his inspirations was from his experiences around the forests, lakes, and farms of Minnesota.

Russ live from 1933 to 2022. We are appreciative that his wife Gwen and son-in-law Bryan Petersen have made this exhibit possible. Norbergs lived on Clark Lake and had a Nisswa Gallery.

Did You Know?

From the “People for Racial Justice” Group

Submitted by Marty Halvorson

Many of us wonder how systemic racism impacts a particular group or our society in general. It is not hard to casually observe how some groups of people have access to advantages. Education at highly rated schools, athletic opportunities, financial access, neighborhood advantages are just a few examples. It is common knowledge that if we live among people with educational opportunities and wealth that we have a greater chance of becoming “like them.”

But there are more dramatic examples among the Indigenous peoples in our state. It is hard to convince people that these injustices exist. No matter what our political affiliation, religion or philosophy it is difficult to open our minds and hearts to ideas that challenge those beliefs. But here are some facts: During 1970-2000 there were 7,000 native children in the state. Roughly 3,200 were removed from their homes and adopted, placed in foster homes, or schooling. This effort was to make them become like the majority population. Once the impact of being separated from a nurturing community is considered multiple problems occur. Our health is impacted by this separation in significant ways. 80-90 percent of the Natives who went for chemical treatment were separated from their homes at an early age. The average life expectancy for Indigenous people in Minnesota is 11 years lower than Whites. It is the lowest of any racial group. American Indian babies are 3 times as likely to die as white children.

Although it is not an easy task to explain these occurrences our curiosity can lead us to further exploration.

All are welcome to join us for...



**PICK UP
CHOIR**

As in the past few summers, we will offer a chance for anyone to join us for a "pick up" choir to sing at our services.

This is a great opportunity for all of you who cannot join us during the rest of the year, including our summer guests who love to sing. We sing one piece

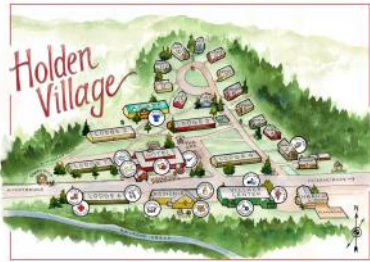
that can easily be rehearsed by all prior to the service. We always sing on the second Sunday of June, July and August.

Our remaining pick up choir dates will be July 9 and August 13. We will meet in the choir room at 8:15 then sing for just the 9:00 service.

Questions: Cathy Taylor 763-607-4282 or cathy@cathysmusicstudio.com.

Please come join us.

O sing to the Lord a new song for he has done marvelous things. Psalm 98:1



Summer is in full swing at Holden Village!

Eden is Calling Holden Village into new ways of living and loving the world. Compelling sessions inspire and empower us to act for God's desired abundant life for all. We are learning how to practice Eden and become the community for which God longs.

Our daily Sacred Space rhythms, including the new *Bless this Night* vespers, reflect the implications of the foundational story in Genesis for our lives today. The gifts of visiting musicians incorporate worship music from around the world.

The LCC contingency will travel West to Holden Village later this month and will be visiting from July 30—August 4. Please keep them in your prayers as they travel and spend time in the Village The Village to seek rest and renewal and take part in daily rhythms of work, recreation, worship, and shared meals with good company.

Our Luther Crest week is July 16—21. Please keep our campers in your prayers: Jude Anderson, Eli Hayes, Graham Johnson, Noah Johnson, Alex Pape, Hazel Schwanke, Dane Smith, Emily Smith, Kaden Teasck, Kellan Timmons, Maggie Prahm, Walter Prahm.



**LUTHER
CREST**



SUMMER STRETCH '23

This summer we are looking at the bible and God a little differently. We will try to open ourselves up to thinking about our faith, God's word, and our amazing loving Creator in new and exciting ways. Some might be strange, some might be funny, some might be hard and challenging.





RIVER OF Life

CREW ONE

Abby Bakken and
Leila Swavil, Leaders

CREW TWO A

Jake Hernandez &
Ethan Troisdahl,
Leaders



CREW TWO B

Whitney Bolt, Jude Anderson & Dane Smith, Leaders



CREW THREE

Rebecca Bakken & Myra Nordby, Leaders

CREW FOUR

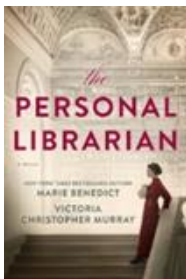
Dagne Neale & Lila Nordby, Leaders

NOVEL IDEAS BOOK

WHEN: Tuesday, July 25th at 10:30am

WHERE: Chapel Hall

Please join us for fellowship, treats and discussion.



The story of a young woman hired by J. P. Morgan to curate a collection of rare manuscripts, books and artwork for his newly built Pierpont Morgan Library and the lengths she must go to preserve her carefully crafted white identity in the racist world in which she lives.

LIBRARY REFLECTIONS

For those of you attending Wine & Words later this month (sponsored by Friends of the Brainerd Public Library), J. Ryan Stradal will be one of the guest authors speaking and you can find a copy of one of his books in your church library!



Here we meet a cast of lovable, funny, quintessentially American characters eager to make their mark in a world that's often stacked against them. In this deeply affecting family saga, resolution can take generations, but when it finally comes, we're surprised, moved, and delighted.

You can also find these books in the library by Minnesota author, **Lorna Landvik** who is emcee of the event: *Once in a Blue Moon Lodge*, *Oh My Stars*, *Your Oasis on Flame Lake* and *Patty Jane's House of Curl*.



CELEBRATE AMERICA by taking a look at the book selection in the Americana section. You'll find these and other great books:

The American Presidents by David Whitney

Blue Highways: A Journey Into America by William Least Heat-Moon

It Happened in America: True Stories from the Fifty States by Lila Perl

Prairie Fires: The American Dreams of Laura Ingalls Wilder by Caroline Fraser

CREATION CARE



Get Ready: The Sharing Market is Coming!

Get ready to: donate plants, baked goods, jellies, flowers, lettuce, spinach or other produce.

Get ready to “purchase” these items so We Can Help our Neighbors at the Lakes Area Food Shelf in Pequot Lakes!

The first sharing market will be Sunday, July 9 after each service. There will be only 2 more sharing markets this summer — August 13 and September 10. So, be ready!

**Submitted by the Sharing Market Working Group—
Carol Tack, Kate Carlson, Debbie Rottschafer, Carolyn Blanck.**

Did you know? Your Creation Care Team collects used batteries and used ink/toner cartridges to recycle. Find containers on shelves across from the nursery. Also the Women of the ELCA collect empty prescription bottles to fulfill a need overseas. Please remove all labels and adhesives before placing in the container. **Empty prescription bottles only.** (we **do not** accept empty Tylenol/Tums, vitamins, etc. Bottles).

WORLD-FAMOUS ANTARCTICA EXPLORER WILL STEGER COMING TO LCC Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 7, 1 p.m., LCC Celebration Center

Will Steger, the first person in the world to cross the entire Antarctica continent, has accepted an invitation from LCC's Creation Care Team to give a presentation on his adventures and the drastic effects of climate change on glaciers at both Poles.

The event is free and open to the public, so invite your friends and family.

Any questions, contact Laura Raedeke at 218-963-3877.



LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS
Church Council Meeting
Thursday, June 8, 2023

We Assemble in God's Name

Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Council President Mike Smith

Present:

Pr. Drew Bakken, Pr. Michelle Ruen, Colleen Both, Rachel Gerhartz, Rob Norgon, Darrell Paske, Dale Peterson, Mike Smith, Bonnie Stevens, Brian Stubbs, Jenny Stubbs, Sarah Tietz and Lyn Underdahl and special guest Jon Henke.

Devotion: Brian Stubbs

Special Presentation/Proposal: Jon Henke

Jon Henke, member of the Playground Committee and Sourcewell representative, presented the committee's proposal for a new playground at LCC.

***Motion to accept the proposal by the playground committee to build a playground at a cost not to exceed \$50,000, and to bring to the congregation for approval at a special congregational meeting July 9th, made by Dale Peterson; Second by Bonnie Stevens. Motion Passed.**

Officer Reports:

Council Minutes (May 2023)

- **Motion to approve by Sarah Tietz; Second by Darrell Paske. Motion passed.**

Treasurer's Report (May 2023)

- **Motion to approve by Rachel Gerhartz; Second by Dale Peterson. Motion passed.**

New Business:

1.) LCC's fee structure for weddings and funerals

LCC fees need to be updated to properly compensate for various services LCC provides to members and non-members. Currently, we are significantly lower than other local ELCA churches. Topic tabled until next Worship & Music meeting can discuss in greater detail.

2.) Playground area update: Discussion and motion above.

Old Business:

1). Planning Session on Bylaws: June 13, 5:30. Council will meet in Chapel Hall

Pastors' Reports

Senior Pastors' Report; Pastor Drew:

What a great May that we had. Our attendance is picking up as we greet visitors and those that have returned from their winter homes. Every Sunday in the month of May we had something special happening. Such as, New Member Sunday, Mother's Day, Burrito Blessings, Sr. Recognition, and Pentecost.

As we move into the month of June, we will be doing a 4 week sermon series on Creation and Care which was developed by the ELCA. We will be focusing on Trees, Land, Wilderness, and River. On the third Sunday of the month during the summer we will have an outdoor worship and on June 18th we will welcome the men from Adult and Teen Challenge as our special music and guest preacher. Please come

out and support these brothers in Christ.

On June 4th we celebrated the return of a second service. We had 40 people attend our 8am worship service. A special thank you to Cathy, our worship leaders, Worship and Music team for your help in making this possible. It truly was a beautiful worship service. At the 9 am service we had 210 people in attendance. I look forward to more conversations regarding a second service this fall.

Our Thursday Morning Men's breakfast continues to grow and has become a great community for the men of the church to grow together and in their faith. If you haven't been a part of our Thursday morning breakfast group, I invite you to stop by the fellowship, food, and discussions are wonderful.

Associate Pastor's Report; Pastor Michelle:

May was a full and vibrant month at Lutheran Church of the Cross. On May 7, we took in 48 new members with 16 family units represented. The next New Member Sunday will be October 8, 2023. Thank you for welcoming our new members with open arms. Graduation, Senior Sunday, Mother's Day, and Pentecost made for a celebratory month of Sundays.

PrimeTimers is continuing throughout the summer. In May we had a huge turnout as we toured Lee Anderson's car and boat museum at their estate in Nisswa. In June we enjoyed a presentation by Jan Kurtz who spoke about her travels to many Spanish-speaking countries. She presented her book, Northern Shores/Southern Borders: Revelations of a Bilingual Life. A copy will go in our church library. July's PrimeTimers is still being set. Watch for details. The August PrimeTimers program will be Paul Welch speaking about the Breath of Life organization in the Brainerd Lakes Area.

A new prayer team is being formed. Last week Ann Lanz, Carol Smith, and myself visited Balsam Moon Preserve, a nature preserve in Pequot Lakes, where we walked a prayer labyrinth made with pine needles under the shade of beautiful trees. Our Prayer Team will be starting some new initiatives as we seek to have prayer be the engine that drives Lutheran Church of the Cross.

We had 33 women who attended the Women in the Word Bible Study in June. I am leading a summer series on How Does God Speak to Us? Our July Women in the Word Bible Study will be July 11 and the August Women in the Word Bible Study will be on August 1 at both 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM. We will continue to learn from God's Word how God speaks to us. All women and friends are invited!

The Women of the Cross (Women of ELCA) are meeting in the summer and using a wonderful Bible Study from Gather magazine. The dates are June 20, July 26, and August 23. All women of the church are encouraged to come and be a part of this group.

Novel Ideas, our church book club, is continuing to meet over the summer. Great books have been selected. Thank you to our new church Library committee.

Pastor Drew and I continue to tag team leading chapel at the local nursing homes. The Summer preaching schedule for Sunday sermons has been set. I look forward to all our summer offerings and opportunities.

Committee Reports:

LCC Property Report: Dale Peterson

I am earnestly continuing to work on obtaining estimates for a new ramp to replace the steps at the north entrance. I met with Lindula's Concrete from Staples in March and have received his estimate. I am pursuing a bid from Nelson Concrete from Pequot Lakes and still anticipate an estimate from Gus Alters. I met with a fourth contractor who did not want to bid on the project. I talked with a fifth contractor who is interested and will meet with me this week and submit a bid. I will also pursue a heating contractor to supply heat to the ramp. I will also obtain estimates on handicap accessible doors.

Todd is taking a vacation this summer from mid-July through mid-August. Whitney will continue the cleaning while he's gone. I volunteered to mow the lawn as needed, and have a back-up volunteer if needed. I also volunteered to assist with room setups and takedowns as needed when I'm available.

We had a very successful outdoor clean-up day for all the leaves, branches, and yard work. We coordinated this activity with the Memorial Garden clean-up. A big thank-you to the approximately 25 volunteers who brought rakes and gloves and their muscles. A nice lunch was provided.

Bill Bergersen has painted the bell tower. I confirmed with Steve Panzer that he will repair the Styrofoam

areas prior to getting them painted.

I have verified with Chris Larson from Anderson Brothers that they will seal the cracks in our new parking lot. We are on their radar and completion will depend on the weather and church schedules.

Thanks to Marv Green and many, many hard-working volunteers, the new garage has been insulated, sheet rocked, and painted! Plans are to erect a wall in the old garage to divide the two stalls so the north side is only for LCC equipment and the south side can be used for rummage sale drop-off. We also plan to put in a fence/screening behind the garages for storing rummage sale materials and outside donations.

Landscaping improvements will continue through the summer. The planter area under the new monument sign was weeded and refreshed with colorful new flowers. New bushes are planned for the south and west sides of the sanctuary.

Other projects on the list include removing the in-ground steps by the pergola north of the kitchen.

Installing a handrail on the north steps outside the kitchen door. Possible repair or replacement of the split rail fence on the north entrance road. And continuing to work with new playground equipment installation project.

Stewardship Report: Rob Norgon

Collecting names and in the process of forming a new committee in the next two weeks.

Worship and Music: Brian Stubbs

W&M met on Sunday, May 21, 2023

1. Altar Guild – Darrell has teams set up for each month, and would like one more team. Talked about maybe looking into permanent candles for the altar.
2. Music – King’s Kids and Senior Choir are done with regular schedule for this spring with the exception of the Pick Up Choirs on 2nd Sunday of June, July and August. Bells of Praise are practicing on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 and will play on the 4th Sundays of each month through December starting in June. Outdoor worship will be on the 3rd Sunday of June, July and August with a more contemporary choice of music. Dan Kuhn has ordered new speakers to be used for our outdoor worship services. We have a contributor that paid for them. 8:00 Summer Worship will start on June 4 and last through August. It is based on “Come, Let Us Sing for Joy”, by Marty Haugen. It will be 30 minutes in length with no communion.
3. Video/Audio – Dick talked with Dan Kuhn and they will schedule a training session for sometime this summer. Dan will be our sound set up person for outdoor worships this summer. 9:00 service will be the only one streamed.
4. The library has commissioned a painting based on “Jesus Loves the Little Children”. We hope it will be done for Rally Sunday in September, King’s Kids would sing.
Next meeting will be Tuesday, July 25

Social Concerns & Global Missions: Bonnie Stevens

Operation Sandwich

Today was the first day of food distribution for Summer 2023. Last year 434 households in Crow Wing and Cass County were served and groceries provided for 44,095 lunches during summer break and 1,871 lunch & snack packs during school breaks. The percentages for students receiving Free or Reduced lunches in the schools are: Brainerd 44%; Pine River 66%; Pillager 48%; Pequot Lakes 37%. Food insecurity has reached a record high in the Brainerd Lakes Area and through Operation Sandwich program, we are trying to raise “40k To Keep Hunger Away”; to provide lunches to kids over the summer who would rely on free or reduced lunch at school.

Your gift goes further with Operation Sandwich:

\$60 sponsors a child’s sandwich supplies for a month

\$120 purchases all the peanut butter for a week

\$250 feeds one child for an entire month

\$400 covers the cost of bread for one week

\$600 provides healthy snacks for a week

\$1,000 provides fresh produce for an entire month

Special thanks to the Rummage Sale Committee for the generous contributions to these specific requests for Social and Global projects and ministries:

Throughout the NE MN Synod - \$1,500 to ELCA World Hunger; \$500 to CHUM, the NE MN Synod Assembly focus designated for Northeast Regional Corrections Center Chaplain Victor St. George; Global Health \$500; Lutheran World Relief \$500; and Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Services \$1,000.

Community/State: \$2,000 to My Neighbor To Love Housing Coalition for Homeless; \$1,000 to Operation Sandwich; Second Harvest Food Bank \$500; \$500 to the Bridge on 7th ; and \$750 to YMCA Shower Fund for the Homeless.

After asking for an update, Racial Justice has been active monitoring the climate of Brainerd School Board meetings with the intent to be an evangelical presence, reviewing the work of our Synod commission “Together Here” in their ministry toward Indigenous People in our Synod (the Ojibwe/Anishinaabe) and beginning research into Land Acknowledgement.

Children, Youth & Family Ministry: Rachel Gerhartz & Sarah Tietz (combined report)

- Kari has been working on VBX and has about 35 kids registered. Crew leaders are assigned. We still could use one more adult helper.
- Summer Stretch begins on Thursday, June 8th and we will be working at the Arboretum in the morning and playing games and enjoying ice cream at Lord of Life in the afternoon.
- Playground Task Force meeting was on Tuesday, June 6th with Jon and the crew. We want to get our proposal ready for council.
- Luther Crest registrations are all final and we are ready for camp.
- Senior Recognition Sunday went very well and families were very appreciative. We handed out six scholarships.
- Holden Trip is finalized and ready to go.
- Sunday started our Cross Kids Take Home Faith mini bag and we had 12 kids in attendance. Kari will keep this going for the summer, except on outdoor worship days. She will have special outdoor quiet bags for kids to use during worship.

7) Congregational Life: Lyn Underdahl

No Report

8) Personnel: Darrell Paske

No Report

Closing Prayer by Pr. Michelle Ruen

Motion to adjourn made by Brian Stubbs; Second by Lyn Underdahl.

Next Council Meeting: Thursday, July 13, 2023, 7 p.m.

Devotions: Dale Peterson

Submitted by Jenny Stubbs

All are welcome at Council meetings. Approved minutes and approved financial reports are available in the church office to any member upon request. If you would like to have something on the Council meeting agenda, please submit it in writing addressed to President Mike Smith and delivered to the office manager in the church office no less than one week prior to the monthly Council meeting, the council meets the second Thursday of the month. If the request is submitted less than one week prior to the next Council meeting it will be addressed at the following monthly meeting.

LCC volunteers very happy that the garage interior is now painted. The garage is so close to being finished!

Pictured: Greg and Rachel Gerhartz, Dale Peterson, Marv Green, Mark Smith, Karen Green, Vicki Edminster, Todd Whipple

Not pictured: Bob Olson, Bonnie Stevens, Liz Brandanger, and Connie Peterson (she was cleaning brushes!)



We are accepting donations for the fall rummage sale (September 21-23). List of accepted and not accepted items is available in the church office. Last day we will be accepting donations is September 16th. Thank you.

Questions? Call Marv (218-537-0522) or Liz (612-849-1500) - large items/significant volume. Call Lyle (218-330-5110) - electronics (flat screen TVs, computers, monitors, laptops, tablets, phones, cameras, etc.)

LAKES AREA MUSIC FESTIVAL 15TH ANNIVERSARY SEASON

Sunday, July 9 at 2:00 pm at Lutheran Church of the Cross

Featuring the Lakes Area Music Festival's 2023 Resident Ensemble: Thalea String Quartet. Music by Ludwig van Beethoven alongside eclectic works of Canadian Inuit, South Asia, and Latin American influences.

The Thalea String Quartet brings their signature vibrancy and emotional commitment to dynamic performances that reflect the past, present, and the future of the string quartet repertoire while celebrating diverse musical traditions from around the world. Fueled by the belief that chamber music is a powerful force for building community and human connection, the Thalea String Quartet has performed across North America, Europe, and China, and has appeared at the Kennedy Center, Massey Hall, and Weill Hall at Carnegie Hall. Winners of the 2021 Ann Divine Educator Award from the Fischhoff National Chamber Music Competition, the members of the Thalea String Quartet have been celebrated for their innovative approach to education and community engagement. They were top prize winners at the 2018 Fischhoff Competition and 2018 Chamber Music Yellow Springs Competition. The Thalea String Quartet is the Doctoral Fellowship String Quartet at the University of Maryland.

No tickets required; donations will be accepted at the door. More at: LakesAreaMusic.org//thalea-nisswa-23

The final weekend of the Lakes Area Music Festival's July Prelude Series features the five rising stars of our Vocal Fellowship program. Selected from over 250 applicants across the nation, these extraordinary young singers will present a wide variety of selections in French, German, and English at **Lutheran Church of the Cross on Sunday, July 23 at 7:30 pm**. No tickets required; donations accepted at the door. For more information: <https://lakesareamusic.org/event/prelude-series-nisswa/>

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4-hour refresher course for returning students

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July 21 (4 Hr Refresher) 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

August 11 (4 Hr Refresher) 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM



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